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line 6, after "~~car~~" insert ~~--use--~~;

line 7, change "~~in the~~" to ~~--while--~~

line 8, change "~~surface~~" to ~~--surfaces--~~;

line 10, after "~~car~~" insert ~~--use--~~; change "~~in the~~" to ~~--while--~~ and
after "~~on~~" insert ~~--a--~~;

line 14, after "~~car~~" insert ~~--use--~~; and

line 23, delete ", the improvement wherein".

Page 3, line 1, change "~~is~~" to ~~--are--~~;

line 3, change "~~is~~" to ~~--are--~~;

line 15, change "~~toward~~" to ~~--in--~~;

line 18, change "~~toward~~" to ~~--in--~~;

line 21, after "~~direction~~" delete ", and" and insert ~~---~~

line 22, change "~~the~~" to ~~--The--~~;

line 23, after "~~direction~~" delete ", and" and insert ~~---~~;

line 24, change "~~the~~" to ~~--The--~~;

line 25, after "~~mm~~" delete ", and" and insert ~~---~~ and change "~~the~~"
to ~~--The--~~;

line 26, change "~~is communicated~~" to ~~--communicates--~~; and

line 27, change "~~another~~" to ~~--other--~~.

Page 4, line 5, delete "~~the~~" (first occurrence); and

line 11, after "~~groove~~" delete "~~, and~~" and insert ~~---~~ and change
"~~the~~" to ~~--The--~~ (first occurrence).

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Page 5, line 2, after "pattern" delete "~~and~~" and insert ~~--~~ and change
"~~the~~" to ~~--The--~~ (second occurrence);
line 4, change "~~is communicated~~" to ~~--communicates--~~;
line 7, after "end" insert ~~--~~, delete "~~and~~" and change "~~hence~~" to
~~--Hence--~~; and
line 23, after "above" delete "~~so that~~" and insert ~~--~~.
Consequently, ~~--~~.

Page 6, line 4, delete "~~the~~";
line 7, change "~~And also~~" to ~~--Additionally--~~;
line 8, delete "~~times~~" and change "~~than~~" to ~~--times--~~;
line 12, after "~~above~~" delete "~~so that~~" and insert ~~--~~. As a result~~--~~;
line 15, delete "~~the~~" (second occurrence);
line 16, after "ensured" delete "~~while the~~" and insert ~~--The--~~;
line 20, change "~~in the~~" to ~~--while--~~ and after "~~on~~" insert ~~--a--~~;
line 24, change "~~performance~~" to ~~--performances--~~; and
line 25, change "~~in the~~" to ~~--while--~~.

Page 7, line 3, change "~~And also~~" to ~~--Moreover--~~;
line 15, after "TC" insert ~~--~~, delete "~~and~~" and insert ~~--The tire--~~;
line 20, after "~~center~~" insert ~~--portion--~~; and
line 27, after "~~and~~" insert ~~--are--~~.

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Page 8, line 2, after "~~and~~" insert ~~--are--~~;

line 3, change "~~the~~" to ~~--a--~~;

line 6, change "~~circumferential~~" to ~~--circumferential--~~;

line 9, change "~~is communicated~~" to ~~--communicates--~~;

line 18, change "~~is opened~~" to ~~--opens--~~;

line 21, after "~~upward~~" insert ~~--and--~~, and

line 26, change "~~is opened~~" to ~~--opens--~~.

Page 9, line 4, change "~~groove~~" to ~~--grooves--~~;

line 5, change "~~toward~~" to ~~--in--~~;

line 7, change "~~toward~~" to ~~--in--~~; and

line 22, after "~~center~~" insert ~~--portion--~~.

Page 10, line 1, change "~~opened~~" to ~~--open--~~;

line 4, change "~~opened~~" to ~~--open--~~

line 5, change "~~the~~" to ~~--a--~~;

line 11, change "~~is communicated~~" to ~~--communicates--~~; and

line 14, change "~~are communicated~~" to ~~--communicates--~~.

Page 11, line 5, delete "~~In~~", and change "~~is shown~~" to ~~--illustrates--~~;

line 13, change "~~Test~~" to ~~--A test--~~;

line 16, change "~~are~~" to ~~--was--~~;

line 17, after "~~and~~" insert ~~--a--~~;

line 18, after "~~on~~" insert ~~--a--~~;